

GRADE 12 DIPLOMA EXAMINATION

English 30

Part A: Written Response

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DESCRIPTION

Part A: Written Response contributes 50% of the total English 30 Diploma Examination mark and consists of TWO assignments:

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MINOR ASSIGNMENT:	Personal Response to Literature Suggested time: approximately ½ hour Value: 30% of this examination	3
MAJOR ASSIGNMENT:	Literature Composition Suggested time: approximately 1½ to 2 hours Value: 70% of this examination	10

TOTAL TIME: 21/2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS

- Read the WHOLE examination before you begin to write.
- Follow instructions carefully.
- Complete **BOTH** assignments.
- Space is provided in the booklet for planning and drafting and for your revised work. Please write your revised work in blue or black ink.
- You may use a nonelectronic English language dictionary and a thesaurus, but you
 may not use any other reference materials.
- Budget your time carefully; the suggested time for each section is a guideline for you.
- Do not write your name anywhere in this booklet.

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Instructions

- 1. Read the poem "Envy" carefully and thoughtfully before you start the writing assignments.
- 2. Read BOTH the Minor and Major assignments before you start writing.

ENVY

I envy.

This secret

I have not revealed before.

I know

there is somewhere a boy

whom I greatly envy.

I envy

the way he fights;

I myself was never so guileless and bold.

I envy

the way he laughs —

as a boy I could never laugh like that.

He always walks about with bumps and bruises;

I've always been better combed,

intact.

He will not miss

all those passages in books

I've missed.

Here he is stronger too.

He will be more blunt and harshly honest,

forgiving no evil for any good it may bring;

and where I'd dropped my pen:

"It isn't worth it . . . "

he'd assert:

"It's worth it!"

and pick up the pen.

If he can't unravel a knot,

he'll cut it through,

where I can neither unravel a knot,

nor cut it through.

Once he falls in love.

he won't fall out of it,

where I keep falling in

and out of love.

I'll hide my envy.

Start to smile.

I'll pretend to be a simple soul:

"Someone has to smile;

someone has to live in a different way . . . "

But much as I tried to persuade myself of this,

repeating:

"To each man his fate . . ."

I can't forget there is somewhere a boy who will achieve far more than I.

Yevgeny Yevtushenko Translated by George Reavey

MINOR ASSIGNMENT: Personal Response to Literature (Suggested time: approximately 30 minutes)

In the poem "Envy," the speaker describes behavior that he considers to be ideal: more advantageous, desirable, or acceptable than his own.

Choose a quotation from the poem that you associate with an experience of desiring an ideal. Describe how this desire affected your attitude or behavior.

PLANNING AND DRAFTING

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REVISED WORK

(Suggested time: approximately 11/2 to 2 hours)

A common human impulse is the desire for that which represents an ideal. An ideal may be represented in the physical, intellectual, moral, practical, or emotional attributes of another person or way of life. Literature offers many examples of the ways in which individuals are influenced by an ideal. For example, in the poem "Envy," Yevgeny Yevtushenko uses contrast to suggest that the concept of an ideal may be a persistent influence in people's lives.

Write a composition based on other literature you have studied in which the author examines the ways that an ideal influences behavior. What ideas does the author develop regarding the influence of an ideal on individual behavior? Provide specific details from the literature you choose that will support and develop your controlling idea.

Guidelines for Writing

- CHOOSE your selection from relevant short stories, novels, plays, poems, other literature, or films that you have studied in your high school English classes. You may choose to discuss more than one selection.
- FOCUS your composition on the topic. Provide only those details that support your controlling idea. You may wish to consider discussing the significance of the author's use of such elements as character development, setting, irony, contrast, conflict, imagery, symbol, etc.
- ORGANIZE your composition so that your ideas are clearly and coherently developed.

INITIAL PLANNING

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Controlling Idea or Thesis Statement		 	

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